


REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were presented for examination and were subject to a restriction requirement. In response, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute in this application the subject matter of Group I, including claims 1-16; to cancel the subject matter of Group II, claims 17-27, without prejudice; and to add new claims 28-53 to further claim the subject matter of Group I. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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IN THE CLAIMS

28. (New) A computer-implemented method for the intermediation of real time meetings, comprising:

receiving an indication that a requester party wants to request a real time

meeting with one or more target parties;

receiving information indicating the availability of the requester party and one or

more target parties to participate in the real time meeting;

determining that the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually

available to participate in the real time meeting, in response to the received

information; and

responsive to the determination that the requester party and one or more target

parties are mutually available to participate in the real time meeting,

initiating the real time meeting.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the initiating further comprises informing the requester party and one or more target parties that they should initiate communication.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the initiating further comprises requesting the requester party and one or more target parties to open a connection.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the availability of the requester party and one or more target parties is determined by checking at least one of: start or end of a call; other use of phone; recent activity at computer input devices; conversation near

microphone; lights turned on/off; weight in chair or on floor; a motion sensor; opening/closing of door; spoken commands; computer keyboard/mouse based commands; touchtone commands; and scheduled periods of availability.

32. (New) A system for intermediation of real time meetings, comprising:
a requester system for receiving a request from a requester party to initiate a real time meeting with one or more target parties associated with target systems;
a first server system associated with the requester system, the first server system for determining availability of the requester party;
a second server system associated with a target system, the second server system for determining availability of one or more target systems; and
a deciding agent in communication with the first server system, the second server system, the requester system, and the target system, the deciding agent for recording the request for the real time meeting, for receiving an indication that each the requester party and one or more target parties are available for the real time meeting, for determining whether the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually available for the real time meeting, and for initiating the real time meeting when all parties are mutually available.

33. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein each the first server system and the second server system is further adapted to record the request for the real time meeting.

34. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein each the first server system and the second server system is further adapted to delete the request for the real time meeting.

35. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to communicate to the first server system to cease sending an indication that the requester party is available for the real time meeting.

36. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to communicate to the second server system to cease sending an indication that the target party is available for the real time meeting.

37. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to poll the first server system to determine the availability of the requester party.

38. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to poll the second server system to determine the availability of the target party.

39. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is located at the target system.

40. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the requester system is further adapted to record the request to conduct the real time meeting.

41. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the target system is further adapted to reject a request to add one or more target parties to the real time meeting and to communicate the rejection to the deciding agent.

42. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to receive an indication that the requester party and one or more target parties are available by monitoring the activity of the requester party and one or more target parties

43. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is conducted using a telephone.

44. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is conducted using Internet telephony.

45. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is specified as a face-to-face meeting.

46. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is specified as a text chat.

47. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is an online collaboration tool.

48. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is a shared application.

49. (New) The system of claim 32, further comprising a plurality of requester parties and a plurality of target parties, and wherein the deciding agent initiates the real time meeting when a quorum of the requester parties and target parties is available.

50. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to determine a relationship between the requester party and one or more target parties and to determine the mutual availability of the requester party and one or more target parties responsive to the relationship.

51. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to initiate the real time meeting for a highest priority request.

52. (New) The system of claim 51, wherein the highest priority request is determined by sorting at least one of: the requester party; relationship with the requester party; user-specified priority factors; elapsed time since the real time meeting was requested; expiration time on real time meeting request; expected remaining time of availability; anticipated call duration; past history; difficulty of reaching the requester party.

53. (New) A computer program product stored on a computer readable medium for intermediation of real time meetings, the computer program product comprising:
program code for receiving an indication that a requester party wants to request a real time meeting with one or more target parties;
program code for receiving information indicating the availability of the requester party and one or more target parties to participate in the real time meeting;
program code for determining that the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually available to participate in the real time meeting, in response to the received information; and
program code for initiating the real time meeting, responsive to the determination that the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually available to participate in the real time meeting.